

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION AND FLATEL, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-55
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**ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued December 12, 2000)

On October 16, 2000, Qwest Corporation and Flatel, Inc., filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-00-55. On October 23, 2000, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing, pursuant to 199 IAC 38.7(4). No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement if it finds either (1) the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed agreement does not discriminate against any other carrier and is not inconsistent with the public interest and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The negotiated interconnection agreement filed on October 16, 2000, by Qwest Corporation and Flatel, Inc., is approved to be effective upon issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12th day of December, 2000.